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SUBJECT: MANILA PRESS PLAY ON BASE TALKS

1. LOCAL PRESS TREATMENT OF APPROACHING BASE TALKS HAS CONTINUED TO BE MINIMAL. COVERAGE HAS BEEN LARGELY LIMITED TO BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DATE TALKS WILL BEGIN AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS. SOME ARTICLES NOTE THAT AFTER APRIL 12 OPENING IN WASHINGTON, TWO SIDES WILL ADJOURN TO STUDY EACH OTHER'S POSITION AND AT LATER DATE RESUME TALKS IN MANILA. PNA STORY OUT OF WASHINGTON CARRIES INTERESTING OBSERVATION THAT "THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL OPEN ADMIST AN UPROAR IN CONGRESS OVER A PROVISION IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED BASES AGREEVQNT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN. HOUSE LEADERS HAVE CRITICIZED THE INCLUSION OF A PROVISION GUARANTEEING SPAIN MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS IN AID OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SAYING THIS USURPED THE POWER OF THE HOUSE TO INITIATE APPROPRIATION MEASURES ON A YEARLY BASIS."

2. LONGSTANDING CRITIC OF US, DAILY EXPRESS COLUMNIST

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VALENCIA, PLACED FOLLOWING PIECE APRIL 10 IN HIS WIDELY

READ COLUMN: QUOTE THE AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE PANELS NOW DISCUSSING THE FUTURE US-PHILIPPINE MILITARY AGREEMENT CANNOT OVERLOOK THE POST-VIETNAM REALITIES IN ASIA. BEFORE, IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR FILIPINOS TO BE LULLED BY AMERICAN PROMISES OF PROTECTION AND AID. NOW, WE KNOW BETTER HOW LIMITED IS THAT PROTECTION AND HOW UNCERTAIN IS THAT AID. THE AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SURE OF US BUT WE KNOW BETTER NOW. ANY FUTURE TREATY WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON RECIPROCITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND REALITIES. ANY OTHER KIND WOULD BE HOLLOW AND POINTLESS. WE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE NOT MORE TREATY. UNQUOTE.

3. ON APRIL 11, VALENCIA MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT: QUOTE A TOP-LEVEL RUSSIAN MISSION IS IN TOWN FOR A SEVEN-DAY VISIT. TOP-LEVEL FILIPINO EXECUTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE IN PEKING FOR A 10-DAY WORKING VISIT. AMBASSADOR BENJAMIN ROMUALDEZ IS IN PEKING -- SOMETHING UNUSUAL. FOREIGN SECRETARY CARLOS ROMULO AND DEFENSE SECRETARY JUAN PONCE ENRILE ARE IN WASHINGTON TO ATTEND US-RP TALKS ON MILITARY BASES. DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS AND CONJECTURES. YOUR INTERPRETATION IS AS GOOD AS MINE. UNQUOTE.

4. DAILY BULLETIN COLUMNIST BIGORNIA IN APRIL 11 EDITION DISCUSSES BASE TALKS CONCLUDING THAT QUOTE ANY REVISION OF THE BASES AGREEMENT SHOULD RESULT IN AN END TO AMERICAN "EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY HERE, PHILIPPINE JURISDICTION OVER ALL OF OFFENSES COMMITTED BY AMERICAN NATIONALS (EXCEPT DIPLOMATIC) ON OR OFF BASES, AND, FINALLY, IN THE JOINT PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN OPERATION OF THESE BASES AS STIPULATED AND PRACTICED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF AMERICAN BASES IN EUROPE." UNQUOTE.
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